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I am writing as a concerned citizen about the environment. I feel that the needs for the future need careful evaluation and that we don't have to continue thinking that bigger is better. We need to think outside the box when it comes to energy resources. So please consider local- renewable-cost effective ideas. Thanks Joan Francois La Crescent, MN

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Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.